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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Departure from the Dessau-Aken Training Sites of Engineer Units of the</u> <u>Eighth Gds Army</u>		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u>		

1. Between 10 and 13 July 1954, the water training sites southeast of Rossrau and south of the Brambach-Steutz area were hurriedly vacated. The units stationed there left by road toward the south and the north and also occupied the barracks installation in Rossrau (3401). The highwater overflowed all training sites and caused heavy damage, especially in the area southeast of Rossrau. The training sites were partially covered with water on 25 July.
2. At 1830 on 22 July, an engineer shipment including about 30 trucks, 12 to 15 pontoons, 2 amphibious vehicles and 1 large crane passed through the Jena railroad station; it came from the direction of Naumburg and went toward Saalfeld. The shipment included 8 to 10 boxcars occupied by personnel and 2 boxcars carrying beams and boards.
3. At 1500 on 24 July, a troop train carrying about 22 trucks and 16 pontoons passed through the Saalfeld railroad station and proceeded toward Probstzella.
4. On 24 and 25 July, an engineer unit occupied Hubertus Kaserne (8382).
5. The following personnel and materiel of engineer units from the Aken area were entrained at the Dessau freight station between 26 and 28 July:
26 July. About 24 trucks carrying 9 pontoons, about 5 meters long and about 2.5 meters wide, and 1 motorboat, which left toward Bitterfeld at 0700.

28 July. Four T-34/85 tanks, 22 trucks, 4 other vehicles with engines and engineer equipment, 15 boxcarloads of personnel and 8 boxcarloads of equipment, which left toward Bitterfeld at 1000.

Sixteen trucks including 1 crane truck, 4 boxcarloads of equipment, 22 boxcarloads of personnel and 4 carloads of boards, which left toward Bitterfeld at about 1900.

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Four T-34/85 tanks, 2 motorboats, 2 special trench excavators, 25 trucks including 18 with pontoons and 11 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. [redacted]

In the evening on 28 July, 2 trucks with fuel containers left Camp Aken for the former Junkers plant in order to pick up fuel. [redacted]

1. [redacted] Comment. The evacuation of the training area southeast of Rossau by major elements of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GSFG, which had been stationed there since May, and their employment in the high water area near Leipzig were previously reported. [redacted] Upon completion of the employment in the Leipzig area, major elements of the regiment arrived at their winter quarters, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in Magdeburg. Between 21 and 28 July, engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army also left for their army area, probably because of the water damage. Previous information indicated that major elements of all engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army were stationed in the Aken area until early July. The motor vehicle numbers reported in connection with the movements to Thuringia fail to clarify the identity of the units. The 19th Gds Engr Bn of the army is believed to be still stationed in the Aken area. The departing troops presumably included elements of one or both corps engineer battalions with their tanks, the 67th Engr Bn of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which went to the Hubertus Kaserne in Naumburg, and the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which went to Sealfeld. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicle number belongs to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSFG from Bernburg; at least elements of the regiment were located in the Aken area until late July. [redacted]

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